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Group No.: 1651

Examiner: Marx, Irene

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For: Process for the Obtaining of HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors of High Purity

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Amendment or Response After Final Rejection-page 1 of 3

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE G

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this communication in response to the final Office Action of

February 20, 2004 and ask that the following amendments be entered.

Amendments to the Claims begins on p. 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on p. 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on p. 10 of this paper.